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RELIEVING MAIN STREET.

THE RELIEF of Main street, so far as the equipment or extension of streets is concerned, lies in the more extensive use of Water street, which parallels Main on the east and in the extension of Broad street, which parallels it on the west. The use of Water street requires that it be paved and put in shape to North avenue. The extension of Broad street requires a tunnel under Golden Hill.

Now that the council has voted for improvements that will not improve, almost money enough to make these useful and considerable changes it is beginning to consider making them also. It is most unfortunate that Bridgeport has a government which seeks first to gratify those who especially support it, rather than to find and fill the public need. Someday Bridgeport may have an administration, again, that will regard public improvements as a necessary cause of expenditure, instead of regarding them as a means by which the treasury can be emptied. The Cannon street program and the Middle street program are useful as affecting congestion on Main street. They promise great expense with corresponding benefits. One of these improvements, analyzed to first causes seems to have its origin in political spite. The other seems to be founded on political favoritism.

ALWAYS WILLING.

THE Common Council voted, Monday night, that the city clerk might draw checks in certain cases, without waiting for the formal vote of the council.

City Hall once more distinguishes itself by the speed with which it pays out money.

The ordinary methods long ago ceased to suit. It took time to pay out a million dollars for pavement, by let and bid. So City Hall abolished those old-fashioned methods. It just gave the job to the next friend. This may prove too slow for the future. Tomorrow is another day.

Let the paving contractors and others come in and deliver their demands to the city clerk. He can draw them their checks and they may be saved the bother of laying any pavement at all. The money will be easy to get. Bonds can be issued and temporary loans may be contracted. Why can't there be a special rule, applying only to the very special friends of his excellency and his excellency's chief adviser? Let the city clerk draw checks in convenient packages, and turn them over to the right people, who can fill them in as needed.

IMMORALITY AMONG GIRLS.

A COMMISSION has investigated the causes that brought some hundreds of girls into correctional institutions in Philadelphia. The report says that defective homes and abnormal family conditions are largely responsible. This is but putting the solution one move more distant. What is the cause of defective homes? Intemperance, insufficient incomes, the social evil, sporadic employment and many other things are contributory causes. Intemperance makes wages less than they would be. Money spent in excessive drinking is usually taken from the home. The social evil which is everywhere present, and supported by municipal governments, is a never-absent lure.

These causes constantly create certain deficiencies which are present from birth, so that the unfortunately born lack the necessary stability to take a normal place in the world.

At any rate all of the causes, such as they are, have come to be recognized, and the world is steadily making for conditions that will promote normality and healthy living.

EATING LESS BREAD.

NEW ENGLAND food administrators are going to ask the people of the New England states to do without white bread during two days of the week. There should be a universal compliance. To substitute other food stuffs will not be difficult. The change may even be healthful and enjoyable. There is corn meal, which makes excellent dishes. Corn meal mush, Johnny cake, and fried mush were once staple articles of diet throughout all this part of the United States. Most tasteful and pleasurable these items were. They have gone into disuse largely through the failure of the mercantile community to promote the sale of meal. Most of the time it has been easier and more profitable to sell flour.

Potatoes will be very plentiful. It is no trick at all to substitute a potato or two for a slice of bread. The wheat is needed abroad. America has many other things to eat and can spare the wheat.

SOURCES OF CONGESTION.

ONE great source of congestion is the routing of trolley cars. The scheme by which Main street and Fairfield avenue is the meeting place of all trolley cars must have been devised to tie up Bridgeport's principal thoroughfare as much as possible. Nor will this corner be relieved as long as traffic is permitted to turn corners. The situation calls for straight traffic.

The appropriation of \$1,000 for "a study of traffic conditions" will not help. Some favorite sons will get the money, and that will end it. Bridgeport has very recently paid for just such a study, the results of which will be found in the report of the City-Plan Commission, already forgotten by the official gentlemen who spend the public money.

EXPRESS EMBARGO.

A DAMS EXPRESS has declared an embargo on the movement of private shipments, from New York to New England points, which will hold over Thursday and Friday. Government goods will be transported, and foodstuffs.

The community can patiently tolerate this embargo. It is

PROSECUTION OF TWO ANTI-WAR AGITATORS FAILS

No Statute on Which to Base Action, U. S. District Attorney Says.

Hartford, Sept. 19.—After Judge Edwin C. Dickinson in Police court today had entered a judgment of not guilty in the continued case against Mrs. Annie Riley Hale of New York city, and Alfred E. Whitehead, who claims residence in this city, charged with breach of the peace following an attack on the United States government by Mrs. Hale at socialist hall, Sunday afternoon, Special Prosecuting Attorney Alexander W. Creedon, who made public a communication from United States District Attorney Thomas J. Spellacy, in which Mr. Spellacy informed the prosecutor that he had no legal grounds to hold the accused for prosecution in the federal courts. In his letter Mr. Spellacy significantly states, however, that the United States will continue to take a keen interest in the actions and sayings of both Mrs. Hale and Whitehead and those associated with them. The action of the police in dispersing the meeting also received special commendation.

The full text of the letter under date of Sept. 18 follows:

"Dear Mr. Creedon:—Permit me to thank you for your kindness in handing to me a stenographic report of the speeches made in Socialist hall, this city, on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 16, 1917, by Albert E. Whitehead and Mrs. Annie Riley Hale and also for giving me an abstract of the testimony offered in the police court of the city of Hartford in the trial of the cases against these two persons for breach of the peace.

"You have asked me what is the attitude of the United States towards the possible prosecution of either or both of these persons for statements contained in the speeches made by them. It is unnecessary to inform you that while the department of justice, of course, is interested in the outcome of the prosecution of the cases in your court, it officially has no voice in any case pending in any court for the violation of a local ordinance or a state statute.

"The criminal jurisdiction of the United States differs from that of the states in that in the United States there are no common law crimes. There must be a definite violation of some statute. I regret that there is no statute of the United States known to me on which could be based a successful prosecution of Mr. Whitehead and Mrs. Hale for the speeches that were made by them in Socialist hall. Their utterances bordered on criminality and were intensely unparliamentary and to my mind inopportune. An isolated criticism of the officials of the United States is not in itself criminal.

"In view of these facts, I am obliged to answer in the negative your query as to whether or not the United States is at this time considering a prosecution of these two people. The United States will, however, continue to take a keen interest in the actions and sayings of both Mr. Whitehead and Mrs. Hale and those associated with them.

"I believe that the police of the city

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Better grades! \$6.00 to \$10.00

Our double texture garment with the best lining, \$16.00

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transient and will cease when the emergency ceases.

The embargo which gets on the public's nerves is that represented by the disorganization of the express service at all times, so that bundles lie for days at destination, or at point of shipment; bundles the very presence of which are unknown to the accounting organizations of the express offices, which can neither say what has come in, nor what has gone out.

THE WILL TO FIGHT.

ONCE a nation has determined to fight the will to do so should be universal. Success in war comes from intense and unified activity, when the multitudes of individual wills are bent to a common purpose. The pacifists of America are in the way for the two reasons. To talk peace when war has scarcely begun, is to delay the very thing that is desired. Most of them, the pacifists, are not in sympathy with the United States, but want peace because they do not wish the Central Powers defeated. Against a peace movement so directed and tainted, public opinion, and government if necessary, will direct energy enough to make it futile.

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The Gay Linings

There will be a strong temptation to wear coats wrong side out this season because of the beautiful linings. Three American manufacturers, Cheney, Belding and Skinner have sent out the most generous satins ever woven on looms. They are spotted and lustrous like a serpent's skin. They are splashed and colored like orchids. Gold and copper, red, and all the rose and violet shades, lobelia and the other dark purple blues, lined with black, circled and dotted in all contrasting shades.

The blackest, the darkest and most conservative styles will be gaily lined.

36 to 40 inches wide,

\$1.50 to \$3.00 a yard

Silk Section, main floor.

Rows of Buttons

All garments, especially coats and tailored suits are profusely ornamented with buttons, and the fancy also extends to the serge dresses worn for afternoons and business. The variety is almost unlimited. There are strange shaped buttons carved from vegetable ivory, large flat buttons of metal or composition, smoked or white pearl and jeweled cabochons. Many of these large and unique buttons will make stunning ornaments for the knitting bags which are carried so generally at present. In fact there are some flat buttons which look as if copied from floral cretonne. Dark buttons with gold and blue or red figures are decidedly Chinese in effect. One may be as extravagant as her pocketbook will allow.

Notion Counter, main floor.

Fresh Candies

Italian Creams, very delicious 35 cts. a lb.
Chocolate Thin Mints, spicy and tasty, 29 cts. a lb.
Jim Crows, delicious dark chocolate filled with chopped nuts, 50 cts. a lb.
Main floor.

Boudoir Slippers for Women

The show case in the Shoe Shop offers a bewildering line of boudoir slippers in every conceivable color. They are of satin, sateen, quilted satin and fine kid for ordinary wear, also the novelty effects in silk brocade or cloth of gold or silver,

\$1.75 to \$5.00

Second floor.

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of Hartford are to be commended for dispersing this meeting. This office is under deep obligations to the police department of Hartford for the generous assistance it has received from the officers and men of the department not only in this case, but in very many other cases in which their aid has been solicited by me and those associated with me in my office.

"Respectfully,
(Signed) "THOMAS J. SPELLACY,"

Henry Baker Brown, the founder and president of the Valparaiso University in Indiana, died at the age of 69.

Several members of Congress will probably visit Europe and the western battle front if Congress adjourns next month.

KEEP YOUNG

People with bad backs and weak kidneys are apt to feel old at sixty. Many old folks say Doan's Kidney Pills help them keep young. Here's a Bridgeport case: Michael Brennan, 60 Fourth St. says: "My kidneys were out of order and I was sore and lame across my back. I had bad spells of dizziness and my kidneys acted irregularly, which caused me annoyance. I used Doan's Kidney Pills with satisfactory results. The pain in my back disappeared and my kidneys again acted regularly." (Statement given September 28, 1914.)

LASTING RESULTS.

On December 4, 1916, Mr. Brennan said: "Doan's Kidney Pills put my kidneys in good shape and made my back strong. I have felt fine since and all credit goes to Doan's Kidney Pills. I am past seventy-seven years of age but have had little or no trouble with my kidneys for a long time." Price 60c at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Brennan had. Foster-McBurn Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y.—Adv.

Blankets and Comfortables

Winter weights

Blankets in plain white, gray and plaid effects, some pure wool others with a large percentage of wool. Full bed size. \$4.50

Plaid Woolen Blankets, block designs, wool filling with cotton and wool warp, size 70 x 80 inches. Very attractive effects in pink, blue, tan, and gray. \$6.50 and \$7.50

These will not shrink.

Special White Blankets, large size 76 x 84 inches, heavy and warm, weight 5 1/2 pounds, \$6.75 a pair

Army Blankets, regulation gray, size 66 x 84 inches, very desirable for sleeping out and camp use, at \$5.00, \$8.00 and \$10.00, according to weight

Bath Robe Blankets, unusually dainty designs, soft and agreeable weave, very desirable, in combinations of gray, tan, red, blue, pink and green. Size 72 x 90 inches, with cord and frogs to match, \$3.50

Comfortables of silk mull filled with pure white soft cotton, dainty colorings in pink, blue, yellow and lavender, \$5.25 each

Wool Filled Comfortables with coverings of silkline, nainsook and all silk, very luxurious, \$7.50, \$9.50, \$14.00, \$16.00 up to \$25.00 Third floor.

Men's Wear

for cooler weather

Union Suits in the "Carter" and "Yale" makes, medium and heavy weights, \$1.50 up to \$3.50

Wool Shirts and Drawers, "Glastonbury" make, very heavy weights, \$1.25, \$1.75 and \$2.25

Sweaters of heavy shaker knit, V-necks, all grades from \$5.00 up to \$10.00

Knitted Reefers of pure silk with border effects; also plain colored, \$6.00 and \$7.50

Reefers of heavy silk fibre, wide striped effects, two colors, Special at \$5.00

Reefers of two-tone accordion knit and Persian effects, \$3.98 Main floor.

The Handy Hanger

This is a long stout tape to which is attached six hangers. Of course it will support six or more garments. It may be fastened to a tent pole, a tree or on the side of a tent in an instant. The soldier boy will find it a convenient article.

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At 29, 58, 79 and 98c, Baby's Bonnets of silk poplin, corduroy, bengaline silk and crepe de chine.
At \$1.05, \$2.48, \$2.79, \$2.95, \$3.95 Infants' Cashmere Coats.
At \$4.95 Infants' Crepe de Chine Coats.
At \$1.49 and \$2.25 Infants' Cashmere Capes with Hood.
At 98c and \$1.25 Infants' Bathrobes.

Some of the new blue and plaid serge dresses for Fall and Winter School wear have arrived, sizes 8 to 14.
There are also new styles in gingham and crash dresses.

After a long wrestle with the profiteers and pork seekers at Washington, the President spent a quiet Sunday on the ocean running the chances of submarines.

The falling off in sinkings by the German submarines causes no lamentations in Germany, for the simple reason that the German people aren't permitted to know that fact.

The people who postponed buying Liberty Bonds last spring because another issue was coming out in the fall, won't probably buy the new lot now, as there will be some more next spring.

Judging by that German consul's telegram, the only mistake his people made was in leaving anyone living as "traces" when they sunk the Lusitania.

Merchants who run a standing ad telling about lawn mowers in winter and heaters in summer, are sometimes of the same ones who complain that advertising doesn't pay.

The boys who quit school at an early age so as to earn some pocket money, will later be heard from ap- plying for jobs to the boys who knew enough to stay in school until they were prepared to go to work.